

In re ARHAB
09/806,035

Remarks

The Examiner is thanked for the Official Action dated June 28, 2005. This amendment and request for reconsideration is intended to be fully responsive thereto.

Claims 1-5, 19-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Zeidler. Applicant respectfully disagrees. However, claims 1-31 have been canceled rendering this rejection moot. New claims 32-57 define the invention over the prior art. The prior art fails to disclose a hydrokinetic coupling apparatus having tongues rigidly fixed to the piston and to the transverse wall thereby providing no degree of freedom between the tongues and either the piston and the transverse wall wherein the tongues are radially oriented extending opposite said second surface and being circumferentially distributed in several sets of tongues each including at least one tongue.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments and comments resolve all outstanding issues and place this application in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe additional discussion would advance the prosecution of the present application, please contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below.

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